

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 30, 2004

**FROM:** JAMES A. FELTEN, Director  
Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT:** AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO REVENUE CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL  
SHELTER SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF RIALTO

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Amendment Number 1 to the following revenue contract to continue to provide animal care and control services for residents of the City of Rialto for the period September 16, 2004 through September 15, 2005.

<u>Contract City</u>	<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Current Contract Amount</u>	<u>Contract Amendment Amount</u>	<u>Total Contract Amount</u>
City of Rialto	03-956 A-1	\$180,989	\$180,989	\$361,978

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Approval of this item will allow the Department of Public Health to continue to provide Animal Control Shelter Services for the City of Rialto. The original agreement was for a term of one-year. This amendment extends the term an additional year.

For several decades, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Animal Care and Control (ACC), has not only been providing animal control services to the unincorporated regions of the County, but has also been providing such services, by contract, to various cities of the County as allowed under Article I, Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 1, Title 5 of the Government Code, which authorizes the County to assume certain City functions if agreed upon by the City.

The County has provided shelter services for the City of Rialto since 1988. On September 16, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved a new revised contract with this City, which adjusted the contract rate to account for inflation factors, salary increases, energy costs, and ongoing operating costs associated with services required to administer the program. The contract also stipulated the County would collect shelter revenue from City residents that would in turn be used to offset the costs associated with the contract. This contract represented a change in methodology compared to prior years. Under the new contract, the City is billed for actual costs incurred for providing shelter service for their area.

The City of Rialto has indicated its desire to continue to contract with the County for animal control shelter services. Some of the shelter services include the impoundment of stray City animals picked up and delivered to the County shelter facility by Rialto animal control and the quarantine of biting animals.

As demonstrated by the chart on the following page, the overall animal impoundment rate has been on the decline over the past few years. Additionally, the lost animals returned to their owners and the adoption rates have been steadily increasing while the euthanasia rates have decreased. All these factors help to reduce the pet overpopulation problem.

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	FISCAL YEAR 1999/2000*	FISCAL YEAR 2003/2004**
Returned to Owner	1,389	3,445
Adopted	2,782	5,066
Euthanized	16,090	12,977
Miscellaneous	<u>798</u>	<u>3,210</u>
Total Impounded	21,059	24,698

Due to a new computerized reporting system, the following definitions must be applied:

\* FY 99-00: Miscellaneous includes: dead animal pick-ups, dead in kennel, stolen, and transferred. This FY includes dogs and cats only.

\*\* FY 03-04: Miscellaneous includes: disposal of dead animals, dead in kennel, missing (escaped or stolen), relocated, and transferred. This FY includes all animal types (dogs, cats, birds, livestock, etc.). Additionally, FY 03-04 includes those animals affected by the Oct/Nov 2003 fires.

Approval of this item with an effective date of September 16, 2004, is requested in order to maintain services under this contract, as the City does not have an alternative for animal sheltering. This item is being presented after the expiration date due to time constraints for submission to the City of Rialto's Council for approval. Rialto's City Council approved the item on October 5, 2004 and the signed contracts were received by the Department of Public Health on November 17, 2004.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-9022) on November 18, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on November 17, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** This action will result in no local cost. Approval of this contract will result in revenue of \$180,989 for FY 2004-05. Appropriations and revenue in the amount of \$180,989 were included in the Department of Public Health's FY 2004-05 budget.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval, as it will impose no additional cost to the County. All costs are funded by contract revenue.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** Third District

**PRESENTER:** James A. Felten, Public Health Director, (909) 387-9146